



— State of —  
**North Dakota**  
*Office of the Governor*  
John Hoeven  
*Governor*

**EXECUTIVE ORDER 2002-03**

**WHEREAS**, I, John Hoeven, Governor of the State of North Dakota, by the authority vested in me, do hereby order that the rural fire mitigation actions as listed in the North Dakota Emergency Operations Plan be extended to all lands both public and private; and

**WHEREAS**, I further order that all state departments and administrators maintain fire response resources and capabilities at high levels of readiness to execute responsibilities pursuant to the State Emergency Operations Plan; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, this order is issued upon the following basis and for the following reasons:

1. The governor is vested with the executive authority pursuant to Article V, Section 1 of North Dakota Constitution; and
2. The governor is vested with statutory authority to issue executive orders to minimize or avert the effects of a disaster or emergency pursuant to Chapter 37-17.1 of the North Dakota Century Code; and
3. A coordinated and effective effort of all state departments is required to minimize or avert the effects of disasters and emergencies in this state; and
4. Above-normal fire danger index information received from the National Weather Service and state and local emergency management organizations indicates a severe threat to public and private property.

Executed at Bismarck, North Dakota, this 30<sup>th</sup> day of May 2002.

/s/  
John Hoeven  
Governor

Attest:  
/s/  
Alvin A. Jaeger  
Secretary of State